Sri. A. Thanu Pillai: Has it not been definitely laid down in the proceedings that in all matters relating to persons, their special claims should be looked into?

Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai: That is exactly why the press note has been issued subsequently.

COMPULSORY RETIREMENT OF OFFICERS

***16.** [16] **Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai:** Will the Hon'ble the Chief Minister be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of officers ordered to be retired in accordance with the principles enunciated in the Press Note dated 20th February 1950;

(*b*) the names of the officers and the length of service of each on the date of order to retire; and

(*c*) whether the principles laid down in the Press Note was applicable to the service as a whole or only to a section of it?

Chief Minister **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai):**

(*a*) 13.

(*b*) It is not in the public interest to disclose those particulars.

(*c*) The principles were applicable to all gazetted officers.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai: May I know whether one Mr. Aiyappan Pillai, Secretary to Government, was made to retire?

Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai: I have already answered that. It is not in the public interest to disclose those particulars.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai: Therefore it is that I am disclosing the particulars and need an answer.

Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai: That is exactly why I refuse to answer that question.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai: Had that officer put in 25 years of service on the date when he was asked to retire?

Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai: I am not in a position to say that.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai: Has he completed 55 years of age?

Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai: Even those people who have not put in 25 years of service have been asked to retire on the ground that they have completed 55 years of age.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai: Therefore only, I ask whether the officer mentioned by me comes under the category of 13 names?

Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai: I have already answered that. I think it would not be in the public interest to publish those figures.

Sri. A. Thanu Pillai: Is it a fact that he had neither completed 25 years of service nor 55 years of age? Is the revelation of this fact against the public interest?

Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai: I have already answered that question.

Sri. P. Balakrishnan Tampi: Is it not very clear in regard to the officer referred to by Mr. P. S. Nataraja Pillai that he has not completed 25 years of service nor has he completed 55 years of age? What is there now against public interest, now that the name has been mentioned?

(No answer).

ശ്രീ. കെ. ആർ. ഇലങ്കത്ത്: ഡിസ്ക്ലോസ് ചെയ്യുന്നത് പബ്ലിക് ഇൻറെസ്റ്റിൽ വിപരീതം ആണെന്ന് പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളത് പത്രങ്ങൾ പ്രസിദ്ധപ്പെടുത്തുകയാണെങ്കിൽ അവയുടെ പേരിൽ നടപടി എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

ശ്രീ. ടി. കെ. നാരായണപിള്ള: പത്രങ്ങൾ പലതും പ്രസിദ്ധം ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ട്. എല്ലാറ്റിനും നടപടി നടത്തുവാൻ സംഖ്യമല്ല.

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ശ്രീ. ടി. കെ. നാരായണപിള്ള: ഇല്ല.

COMPULSORY RETIREMENT IN THE PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

*17. [17] **Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai:** Will the Hon'ble the Chief Minister be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the principles laid down in the Press Note on 20th February 1950 were made applicable to the Police Department;

(*b*) the names of officers of the Police Department in whose service age and school age, there was discrepancy and their respective period of service; and

(*c*) whether any officer of the Police Department was ordered to be retired on account of the discrepancy in age; if so his name ?

Chief Minister **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai):**

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Disclosure of the names of the officers will not be in public interest.

(*c*) One officer has been retired on account of the discrepancy in age.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai: Why was the Police Department exempted from the general rule ?

Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai: It has not been exempted at all. That is why one officer belonging to the Police Department was asked to retire because of the discrepancy in age.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai: I am confining my present question to part (*a*);

ശ്രീ. കെ. എം. കോര : റിട്ടേയർചെയ്ത ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ പേരുകൾ ചോദിക്കുമ്പോൾ അതു പബ്ലിക്ക് ഇൻറെസ്റ്റിനു ശരിയല്ലെന്നു പറയുന്നതു ശരിയാണോ ?

മി. സ്പീക്കർ . പബ്ലിക്ക് ഇൻറെസ്റ്റിനു വിരുദ്ധമാണ് എന്നെങ്കിലും വിവരം വെളിപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതെങ്കിൽ അങ്ങനെ ഉത്തരം പറയുന്നതിനു മിനിസ്റ്റർക്ക് അവകാശമുണ്ട്. അല്ലെന്നു മറുപടി തരികയാണെങ്കിൽ അതു സ്വീകരിക്കുകയല്ലാതെ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

Sri. P. Balakrishnan Thampi: So every time a question is put would it not be a screen for the Ministers to protect themselves against inconvenient questions ?

മി. സ്പീക്കർ : പബ്ലിക്ക് ഇൻറെസ്റ്റിനു അങ്ങനെ ഡിഡ്ക്ലോസു ചെയ്യുന്നതു ശരിയല്ലെന്നു പറയുകയാണെങ്കിൽ അതു സ്വീകരിക്കുകയേ നിവൃത്തിയുള്ളൂ.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai: With regard to Part (a), was the Department exempted from those principles, were the same principles in the press note applied to the Police Department was well ?

Sri. T. K. Nararayana Pillai: That was what I stated. They apply.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai: May I kuow at least the number of persons in whose case there was a discrepancy in the Police Department?

Sri. T. K. Nararayana Pillai: That is what I have stated. One man was asked to retire owing to discrepancy of age.

Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai: In part (b), I want to know the number of persons in whose case there was a discrepancy of age.

Sri. T. K. Nararayana Pillai: For that, I said that the disclosures would not be in public interest.

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